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                  FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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                         February 2001 - Grand Jury
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    UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
                                         No. CR 01-730(A)-GAF
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                                          FIRST SUPERSEDING
                    Plaintiff,
                                          I N D I C T M E N T
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                                          [18 U.S.C. § 371: Conspiracy;
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                                          15 U.S.C. §§ 78m (b) (2) (A),
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                                          78m (b) (5), 78ff, and 17
                                         C.F.R. § 240.13b2-1:
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                                          Falsification of Books and
    ALLAN BOREN and
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    ERIC CANO,
                                         Records; 18 U.S.C. § 1343:
                                         Wire Fraud; 18 U.S.C.
                                         § 1505: Obstruction of
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                    Defendants.
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#### COUNT ONE

[18 U.S.C. § 371]

### I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

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- 1. At all times relevant to this Indictment:
- a. Manhattan Bagel Company, Inc. ("Manhattan Bagel" or the "Company") was a corporation engaged in the production and sale of bagels and related products through franchised, licensed, or company-owned stores. Manhattan Bagel was incorporated in New Jersey with its principal executive offices in Eatontown, New Jersey. Manhattan Bagel's common stock was registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and quoted on the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations System ("NASDAQ") under the symbol BGLS.
- b. I&J Bagels, Inc. ("I&J") was acquired by Manhattan Bagel on June 29, 1995, as a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. At the time of acquisition, I&J owned and licensed approximately 17 bagel stores in the Los Angeles area.
- c. In 1992, defendant ALLAN BOREN ("BOREN") acquired control over the previously family owned I&J in exchange for a \$159,000 note that defendant BOREN later defaulted upon. Subsequent to his acquisition of control over I&J, defendant BOREN assumed the title of Chairman of the Board of I&J. Defendant BOREN maintained the title of Chairman of the Board until Manhattan Bagel discovered a pending criminal environmental dumping case against Chatsworth Plating Company, a contractor to

the Department of Defense, owned and operated by defendant BOREN, at which time defendant BOREN resigned his position with I&J.

- d. Defendant ERIC CANO ("CANO"), a long-time associate of defendant BOREN, was given the title of President of I&J by defendant BOREN prior to I&J's acquisition by Manhattan Bagel. After defendant BOREN relinquished the title of Chairman of the Board, defendant CANO remained as President of I&J until he resigned after Manhattan Bagel discovered the financial irregularities at the I&J subsidiary.
- e. Timothy Tuttle ("Tuttle") was the owner of Peerless Maintenance Company ("Peerless"), an entity used by defendants BOREN and CANO to falsify bagel sales in connection with I&J's acquisition by Manhattan Bagel. In approximately October 1996 through August 1998, Tuttle was a victim of intimidation by defendants BOREN and CANO after the SEC began investigating financial irregularities reported by Manhattan Bagel.
- f. Marytza Tortola, formerly known as Marytza Altamirano ("Altamirano"), performed services for I&J as a contractor and was personally involved with defendant BOREN. In approximately January 1997 through April 1997, Altamirano was a victim of intimidation by defendant BOREN after the SEC began investigating the financial irregularities reported by Manhattan Bagel.
- g. Phillip Borini ("Borini") served as the Executive Director for the law firm of Veatch, Carlson, Grogan & Nelson

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("Veatch Carlson"). Borini was the brother of defendant BOREN and the brother-in-law of Tuttle. In approximately October 1996 through February 1998, Borini was a victim of intimidation by defendants BOREN and CANO after the SEC began investigating the financial irregularities reported by Manhattan Bagel.

## Federal Financial Reporting Requirements

2. Manhattan Bagel's common stock was registered with the SEC and was publicly traded on the NASDAQ system. As a company whose stock was publicly traded on NASDAQ, Manhattan Bagel was required to file periodic reports with the SEC containing information about the company's management, board of directors, and business operations, as well as financial statements that accurately presented its finances and business results according to generally accepted accounting principles (also known as "GAAP"). Manhattan Bagel's annual financial statements were required to be audited by an independent public accountant.

### Federal Record Keeping Requirements

3. Because Manhattan Bagel's stock was registered with the SEC and publicly traded on the NASDAQ, Manhattan Bagel was required to make and keep books, records and accounts which, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflected its transactions and dispositions of its assets. Manhattan Bagel was further required to create and maintain a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that transactions were recorded as necessary to permit

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preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP and to maintain accountability for its assets.

- 4. Under GAAP, a company's sales revenues and income are recorded and reported for specific reporting periods, such as for a quarter or a year. Under GAAP, the rules and regulations of the SEC, and Manhattan Bagel's own publicly stated accounting policies, Manhattan Bagel could report revenues from the sale of merchandise only if a valid, actual sale to a customer took place, and the merchandise was shipped to the customer during the period in which the revenue was reported.
- 5. Manhattan Bagel's financial statements were publicly reported four times a year, that is, quarterly.

### II. THE OBJECTS OF THE CONSPIRACY

- 6. Beginning on a date unknown to the Grand Jury and continuing until in or about August 1998, in the Central District of California and elsewhere, defendants BOREN and CANO, together with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, knowingly and unlawfully combined, conspired, and agreed to commit the following offenses against the United States:
- a. To commit securities fraud by inflating I&J's revenues by creating fake bagel sales to two purported wholesale customers by knowingly and willfully and with the intent to defraud, directly or indirectly, in connection with the purchase and sale of securities, (a) employing a scheme to defraud, (b) making untrue statements of a material fact and omitting to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in

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light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, and (c) engaging in acts, practices and courses of business that operated as a fraud and deceit, through the use of the means and instrumentalities of interstate commerce, the mails, and the facilities of a national securities exchange, all in violation of Title 15, United States Code, Sections 78j(b) and 78ff, and Rule 10b-5 of the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission promulgated thereunder and codified at Title 17, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 240.10b-5;

b. To commit accounting fraud by knowingly and willfully circumventing a system of internal accounting controls which were sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that I&J, and thereby Manhattan Bagel, had properly maintained accountability for its assets, and to knowingly and willfully falsify records, books and accounts kept by I&J, necessary to accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of I&J, in violation of Title 15, United States Code, Section 78m(b)(2), 78m(b)(5), and 78ff, and Rule 13b2-1 of the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission promulgated thereunder and codified at Title 17, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 240.13b2-1.

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### III. THE MANNER AND MEANS OF THE CONSPIRACY

7. The objects of the conspiracy were carried out, in part, as follows:

#### Overview

- a. Beginning in the second quarter of 1995, just before the acquisition of I&J by Manhattan Bagel, defendants BOREN and CANO implemented a scheme to inflate I&J's revenues by creating fake bagel sales to two purported wholesale customers: Veatch Carlson, a law firm, and Peerless Maintenance Company ("Peerless"), a small private firm that provides office cleaning services. In the last three quarters of 1995, I&J booked \$206,000 in bagel product sales to the two purported customers, which amounted to tens of thousands of bagels and related products in a nine-month period.
- b. On or about June 20, 1996, Manhattan Bagel announced that Manhattan Bagel had "uncovered certain improper bookkeeping entries and accounting practices" at its I&J subsidiary concerning "franchise fees, payments made for purported public relations work, real estate finders fees, bonus and vacation pay, and inflated receivables and inventory." The June 20, 1996, announcement further stated that Manhattan Bagel would be required to restate its first quarter 1996 financial results, reducing revenues for the quarter by approximately \$90,000 and increasing expenses by about \$260,000 as a result of the improper accounting practices at I&J. According to the

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announcement, the first quarter net income per share was expected to decrease from \$.12 to \$.09.

- c. On June 21, 1996, the price of Manhattan Bagel common stock tumbled from \$21.25 to \$13.75, a drop of approximately 35%, on record volume.
- d. At the time of Manhattan Bagel's June 20, 1996, announcement, Manhattan Bagel had not uncovered the fake sales to Veatch Carlson and Peerless because defendants BOREN and CANO were then actively engaged in efforts to conceal the true facts from Manhattan Bagel's auditor Ernst & Young an effort that continued at least through August 1998.

### False Sales

e. Beginning in or about the spring of 1995, defendants BOREN and CANO created and participated in a scheme to record fake bagel sales to two phantom accounts: Veatch Carlson, whose executive director was defendant BOREN's brother, Borini, and Peerless, whose owner was Borini's brother-in-law.

Defendants BOREN and CANO carried out the plan by directing I&J's accounting personnel to record fake sales to Veatch Carlson and Peerless on a weekly basis, which I&J did every week through December 1995. Each week, I&J fraudulently recorded: \$2,935 from the sale of 300 dozen bagels and related products to Veatch Carlson; and \$2,436 from the sale of 200-225 dozen bagels and related products to Peerless. Defendant BOREN intended, among other things, to inflate I&J's revenues in order to ensure that

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he received the maximum number of shares in the newly merged company.

- f. To implement the scheme, defendant CANO told I&J's Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") that Veatch Carlson and Peerless each had a standing order for delivery of a set amount of product each and every day. Defendant CANO instructed the CFO to prepare the same invoice every week, without first obtaining the usual documentation showing delivery of product to the customer. Defendant CANO also told the CFO not to mail the invoices to Veatch Carlson or Peerless. Defendant CANO told the CFO to give the invoices to him because Veatch Carlson and Peerless were important accounts requiring special treatment and he personally would hand-deliver all invoices as a courtesy. The CFO complied with defendant CANO's instructions.
- g. For the year ending December 31, 1995, I&J's books showed sales to Veatch Carlson totaling \$120,335, all in the last three quarters of the year. During that period, three payments totaling \$58,700 were recorded on the account. These three payments were made by Veatch Carlson checks dated April 30, 1995, May 31, 1995 and December 28, 1995. Defendant Boren's brother, Borini, signed all three checks in his capacity as the executive director of Veatch Carlson.
- h. During the last three quarters of 1995, I&J's books show total sales to Peerless of \$85,356.50 and a single payment of \$14,619.00 made by bank check dated November 14, 1995. In 1996, Peerless purportedly made two additional payments, the

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first by bank check dated January 29, 1996, in the amount of \$9,746.00, and the second by a Peerless check of \$50,000.00, dated August 12, 1996, signed by Tuttle.

- i. The Veatch Carlson and Peerless sales were fake. The payments recorded on the two accounts were designed to make the Veatch Carlson and Peerless sales appear real. By September, 1995, however, the independent public auditor for Manhattan Bagel, Ernst & Young (the "auditor"), started to look into the claimed sales to Veatch Carlson and Peerless.
- j. To convince Manhattan Bagel's auditor that these fake sales were real, defendant BOREN directed his brother, Borini, to make payments to I&J against the Veatch Carlson and Peerless accounts using money that Borini owed to defendant BOREN. Borini owed defendant BOREN approximately \$1.3 million, against which he made regular monthly payments. The three payments Veatch Carlson purportedly made to I&J for bagel sales were, in reality, loan payments which defendant BOREN directed Borini to make payable to I&J, as if they were payments against the fake bagel sales invoices. At defendant BOREN's direction, Borini included I&J invoice numbers on two checks to give the false appearance of genuine payments against the fake Veatch Carlson bagel account.
- k. Defendant BOREN also instructed Borini to arrange the false bagel payments made by Peerless in November 1995 and January 1996. Borini withdrew money from his personal bank account in November and January in the amounts of the Peerless

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payments in those two months. He then purchased two bank checks, payable to "I & Joy Manhattan Bagels." On each check, Borini included a set of invoice numbers furnished by defendant CANO, and, in the January check, he also added the word "Peerless" in the memo section to make it appear that the check came from Peerless. Additionally, defendant CANO orchestrated a \$50,000 payment made by Peerless in August 1996.

### Concealment of the False Sales

- 1. To further hide the fake sales from Manhattan Bagel's auditor, defendants BOREN and CANO instructed Tuttle, Borini and others to sign or forge signatures on audit confirmations of the fake Veatch Carlson and Peerless account balances.
- m. In connection with the 1995 year-end audit of Manhattan Bagel's financial statements, the Company's auditor, Ernst & Young, prepared written requests to Veatch Carlson and Peerless, in October 1995, and again in February 1996, asking representatives of the two entities to confirm the respective amounts owed to I&J as of September 30, 1995, for the October requests, and as of December 31, 1995, for the February requests.
- n. In mid-October 1995, defendant BOREN learned of Ernst & Young's confirmation request to Veatch Carlson and instructed defendant CANO to get the confirmation signed.

  Defendant CANO did so even though he knew that the Veatch Carlson account was fake and that the firm owed no money to I&J for bagel sales. Defendant CANO faxed the Veatch Carlson confirmation

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request to Borini's personal assistant at Veatch Carlson and told him to sign it. Borini's assistant signed the confirmation on October 11, 1995, falsely confirming to the auditor that Veatch Carlson owed I&J \$58,700 as of September 30, 1995.

o. Also in mid-October 1995, the auditor, Ernst & Young, faxed a confirmation request to Tuttle, the owner of Peerless. The request sought confirmation that Peerless owed I&J \$53,597 as of September 30, 1995. Tuttle called Borini to learn what the confirmation was about. Borini said he would take care of it. Borini then called his brother, defendant BOREN, who openly acknowledged to Borini that he had created fake accounts on I&J's books for Veatch Carlson and Peerless. Defendant BOREN told Borini to obtain a signature on the Peerless confirmation, knowing the confirmation would be false. Borini complied and arranged to have Tuttle's signature forged on the Peerless confirmation. Defendant CANO then delivered the forged confirmation to the auditor, knowing that the confirmation was false.

p. On or about February 9, 1996, Veatch Carlson received a request from the auditor that it confirm a balance of \$61,635 as of December 31, 1995 on the law firm's account. In order to deceive the auditor, and keep the fraudulent scheme going, defendant BOREN personally called the office manager at Veatch Carlson and told her to have the confirmation signed, which she did.

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- q. Also on or about February 12, 1996, the auditor requested that Peerless confirm a balance due I&J of \$70,737 as of December 31, 1995. Tuttle again called Borini, who again told him that he would take care of the confirmation. Borini then spoke with his brother, defendant BOREN, who told Borini to get the confirmation signed. Both defendant BOREN and Borini knew that Peerless had not purchased the claimed bagels from I&J.
- r. On or about February 12, 1996, following defendant BOREN'S instructions, defendant CANO, Borini, and Borini's assistant met at Borini's home where they forged the signature of a purported Peerless representative upon the confirmation.

  Borini's assistant then helped defendant CANO and Borini prepare a fax cover sheet with Peerless' logo and faxed the phony confirmation from Borini's home to Ernst & Young as if it had come from Peerless. At Borini's direction, his assistant also reprogrammed the fax machine so that the recipient would not be able to determine from the fax header that the document had, in fact, come from Borini's home.
- s. On July 23, 1996, an Ernst & Young partner contacted the Veatch Carlson office manager by telephone and asked the office manager to confirm that the balance was owed for goods and services that Veatch Carlson received from I&J. The office manager agreed to sign an account receivable confirmation to that effect. The Ernst & Young partner sent her a confirmation request that same day, which she signed at an August 8, 1996 meeting.

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- t. On August 8, 1996, an Ernst & Young attorney visited Borini and the office manager at the offices of Veatch Carlson to ask about the sales to Veatch Carlson during 1995.

  The Ernst & Young engagement partner attended by conference call. During the meeting, Borini falsely stated that Veatch Carlson had purchased the claimed bagels and related bagel products from I&J during 1995 and had owed the amounts previously confirmed. Then, in the presence of the Ernst & Young attorney, the office manager signed the account receivable confirmation that the engagement partner had sent her in July. The confirmation falsely confirmed the balance that purportedly remained outstanding as of June 30, 1996.
- u. Defendant CANO arranged a session that occurred on August 12, 1996, between Tuttle and another Ernst & Young partner. Tuttle was told to go to the Century City offices of defendant CANO's attorney where he would meet with an Ernst & Young auditor to discuss the claimed bagel purchases. The Ernst & Young engagement partner again attended by conference call. Unbeknownst to the auditor and to Tuttle, defendants BOREN and CANO were in a nearby room waiting to meet with Tuttle. Defendants BOREN and CANO wanted to meet with Tuttle alone in advance of his session with the auditor to ensure that Tuttle would falsely tell the auditor that Peerless had purchased the claimed bagels.
- v. After arriving at the Century City offices of defendant Cano's attorney for the session with the auditor,

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Tuttle was escorted by defendant CANO's attorney to the room in which defendants BOREN and CANO were waiting. In the meeting with defendants BOREN and CANO, defendant BOREN asked Tuttle how his mother, father and family "were doing." This was a common device used by defendant BOREN, in part, to demonstrate that he, defendant BOREN, possessed knowledge about the personal life of those individuals with whom he had a dispute and with those individuals whose conduct he wished to direct. Tuttle asked defendant BOREN what he was supposed to do in the meeting with the auditor. In response, defendant BOREN told Tuttle to falsely tell the auditor that Peerless owed I&J money for the claimed bagel purchases. Defendant BOREN and Tuttle both knew that Peerless had not purchased the claimed bagels from I&J. Tuttle left the meeting with defendants BOREN and CANO to meet with the Ernst & Young auditors in a nearby conference room, defendant BOREN said to Tuttle words to the effect of, "By the way, I'm not here. You don't see me."

W. After the August 12, 1996 meeting with defendants BOREN and CANO, Tuttle was escorted by defendant CANO and CANO's attorney to the nearby conference room for the session with the Ernst & Young auditors. Tuttle then carried out defendant BOREN's instructions and falsely told the auditor that Peerless had purchased the claimed bagels and related bagel products from I&J during 1995 and owed the amounts previously confirmed. When the auditor asked what Peerless did with all of the bagels, Tuttle, caught off guard, falsely replied that Peerless gave

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bagels to customers. The auditor then asked Tuttle to sign a confirmation. Tuttle excused himself from the session and returned to the room where defendants BOREN and CANO were still waiting. Tuttle told defendants BOREN and CANO that he did not want to sign the false confirmation. Defendant BOREN told him to sign it, knowing the confirmation would be false. Tuttle then telephoned Borini, who likewise told him to sign the false confirmation. Tuttle returned to the session with the Ernst & Young auditors and, in the auditor's presence, signed the false account receivable confirmation for the balance that purportedly remained outstanding as of June 30, 1996.

- x. During the same session, Tuttle handed the auditor a check for \$50,000, which represented most of the balance for the claimed bagel purchases. Tuttle fraudulently told the auditor that the funds came from Peerless, while hiding from the auditor the true structure of the transaction. Before the meeting, Borini had told Tuttle to write a check to Manhattan Bagel for \$50,000 and assured him that \$50,000 would be deposited in Peerless' bank account the next day.
- y. The next day, on or about August 13, 1996, defendant CANO delivered a paper bag to Borini's home containing \$50,000 in cash. Defendant CANO and Borini's assistant counted the cash in Borini's dining room. Borini's assistant then delivered the cash to Borini's attorney, who drew a \$50,000 check against his attorney trust account, payable to Peerless. The

attorney gave the check to Borini's assistant. The check was then deposited to Peerless' account.

z. On or about a week after Tuttle's August 12, 1996 meeting with defendants BOREN and CANO and the session with the Ernst & Young auditors, defendant CANO visited Tuttle at Peerless and handed Tuttle an envelope containing a \$200 gift certificate for an expensive restaurant in Santa Monica, Chinois on Main. At the time defendant CANO handed Tuttle the envelope, defendant CANO said words to the effect of "Thanks for helping us out last week. I bet you're glad it's over."

### IV. OVERT ACTS

8. To effect the objects of the conspiracy, the following overt acts, among others, were committed in the Central District of California and elsewhere:

Overt Act No. 1: On or about May 29, 1995, employees at I&J prepared a false order form showing an order for 45 dozen bagels and related bagel products from Peerless. The false order form included false signatures for the purported delivery and receipt of the bagels and bagel related products.

Overt Act No. 2: On or about May 30, 1995, employees at I&J prepared a false order form showing an order for 45 dozen bagels and bagel related products from Peerless. The false order form included false signatures for the purported delivery and receipt of the bagels and bagel related products.

Overt Act No. 3: On or about May 30, 1995, employees at I&J prepared a false order form showing an order for 60 dozen

bagels and bagel related products from the Veatch Carlson law firm. The false order form included false signatures for the purported delivery and receipt of the bagels and bagel related products.

Overt Act No. 4: On or about May 31, 1995, employees at I&J prepared a false order form showing an order for 45 dozen bagels and bagel related products from Peerless. The false order form included false signatures for the purported delivery and receipt of the bagels and bagel related products.

Overt Act No. 5: On or about May 31, 1995, employees at I&J prepared a false order form showing an order for 60 dozen bagels and bagel related products from the Veatch Carlson law firm. The false order form included false signatures for the purported delivery and receipt of the bagels and bagel related products.

Overt Act No. 6: On or about June 1, 1995, employees at I&J prepared a false order form showing an order for 60 dozen bagels and bagel related products from Peerless. The false order form included false signatures for the purported delivery and receipt of the bagels and bagel related products.

Overt Act No. 7: On or about June 1, 1995, employees at I&J prepared a false order form showing an order for 60 dozen bagels and bagel related products from the Veatch Carlson law firm. The false order form included false signatures for the purported delivery and receipt of the bagels and bagel related products.

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Overt Act No. 8: On or about June 2, 1995, employees at I&J prepared a false order form showing an order for 50 dozen bagels and bagel related products from Peerless. The false order form included false signatures for the purported delivery and receipt of the bagels and bagel related products.

Overt Act No. 9: On or about June 2, 1995, employees at I&J prepared a false order form showing an order for 60 dozen bagels and bagel related products from the Veatch Carlson law firm. The false order form included false signatures for the purported delivery and receipt of the bagels and bagel related products.

Overt Act No. 10: On or about June 5, 1995, employees at I&J prepared a false order form showing an order for 45 dozen bagels and bagel related products from Peerless. The false order form included false signatures for the purported delivery and receipt of the bagels and bagel related products.

Overt Act No. 11: On or about June 5, 1995, employees at I&J prepared a false order form showing an order for 60 dozen bagels and bagel related products from the Veatch Carlson law firm. The false order form included false signatures for the purported delivery and receipt of the bagels and bagel related products.

Overt Act No. 12: On or about June 6, 1995, employees at I&J prepared a false order form showing an order for 45 dozen bagels and bagel related products from Peerless. The false order

form included false signatures for the purported delivery and receipt of the bagels and bagel related products.

Overt Act No. 13: On or about June 6, 1995, employees at I&J prepared a false order form showing an order for 60 dozen bagels and bagel related products from the Veatch Carlson law firm. The false order form included false signatures for the purported delivery and receipt of the bagel related products.

Overt Act No. 14: On or about June 7, 1995, employees at I&J prepared a false order form showing an order for 45 dozen bagels and bagel related products from Peerless. The false order form included false signatures for the purported delivery and receipt of the bagels and bagel related products.

Overt Act No. 15: On or about June 7, 1995, employees at I&J prepared a false order form showing an order for 60 dozen bagels and bagel related products from the Veatch Carlson law firm. The false order form included false signatures for the purported delivery and receipt of the bagels and bagel related products.

Overt Act No. 16: On or about June 8, 1995, employees at I&J prepared a false order form showing an order for 45 dozen bagels and bagel related products from Peerless. The false order form included false signatures for the purported delivery and receipt of the bagels and bagel related products.

Overt Act No. 17: On or about June 8, 1995, employees at I&J prepared a false order form showing an order for 60 dozen bagels and bagel related products from the Veatch Carlson law

firm. The false order form included false signatures for the purported delivery and receipt of the bagels and bagel related products.

Overt Act No. 18: On or about June 9, 1995, employees at I&J prepared a false order form showing an order for 50 dozen bagels and bagel related products from Peerless. The false order form included false signatures for the purported delivery and receipt of the bagels and bagel related products.

Overt Act No. 19: On or about June 9, 1995, employees at I&J prepared a false order form showing an order for 60 dozen bagels and bagel related products from the Veatch Carlson law firm. The false order form included false signatures for the purported delivery and receipt of the bagels and bagel related products.

Overt Act No. 20: On or about June 12, 1995, employees at I&J prepared a false order form showing an order for 45 dozen bagels and bagel related products from Peerless. The false order form included false signatures for the purported delivery and receipt of the bagels and bagel related products.

Overt Act No. 21: On or about June 12, 1995, employees at I&J prepared a false order form showing an order for 60 dozen bagels and bagel related products from the Veatch Carlson law firm. The false order form included false signatures for the purported delivery and receipt of the bagels and bagel related products.

Overt Act No. 22: On or about June 13, 1995, employees at I&J prepared a false order form showing an order for 45 dozen bagels and bagel related products from Peerless. The false order form included false signatures for the purported delivery and receipt of the bagels and bagel related products.

Overt Act No. 23: On or about June 13, 1995, employees at I&J prepared a false order form showing an order for 60 dozen bagels and bagel related products from the Veatch Carlson law firm. The false order form included false signatures for the purported delivery and receipt of the bagels and bagel related products.

Overt Act No. 24: On or about June 14, 1995, employees at I&J prepared a false order form showing an order for 45 dozen bagels and bagel related products from Peerless. The false order form included false signatures for the purported delivery and receipt of the bagels and bagel related products.

Overt Act No. 25: On or about June 14, 1995, employees at I&J prepared a false order form showing an order for 60 dozen bagels and bagel related products from the Veatch Carlson law firm. The false order form included false signatures for the purported delivery and receipt of the bagels and bagel related products.

Overt Act No. 26: On or about June 15, 1995, employees at I&J prepared a false order form showing an order for 45 dozen bagels and bagel related products from Peerless. The false order

form included false signatures for the purported delivery and receipt of the bagels and bagel related products.

Overt Act No. 27: On or about June 15, 1995, employees at I&J prepared a false order form showing an order for 60 dozen bagels and bagel related products from the Veatch Carlson law firm. The false order form included false signatures for the purported delivery and receipt of the bagels and bagel related products.

Overt Act No. 28: On or about June 16, 1995, employees at I&J prepared a false order form showing an order for 50 dozen bagels and bagel related products from Peerless. The false order form included false signatures for the purported delivery and receipt of the bagels and bagel related products.

Overt Act No. 29: On or about June 16, 1995, employees at I&J prepared a false order form showing an order for 60 dozen bagels and bagel related products from the Veatch Carlson law firm. The false order form included false signatures for the purported delivery and receipt of the bagel related products.

Overt Act No. 30: On or about October 11, 1995, defendant CANO assisted defendant BOREN in obtaining a false confirmation of the amount of money purportedly owed to I&J by Veatch Carlson for the fake sales of bagels.

Overt Act No. 31: On or about February 12, 1996, defendant CANO went to Borini's home to ensure that a false confirmation was signed and faxed to the auditor, Ernst & Young.

Overt Act No. 32: On or about August 12, 1996, defendant CANO arranged a session between Tuttle and Manhattan Bagel's auditors, Ernst & Young, for the purpose of providing another false confirmation of the fake Peerless debt to I&J.

Overt Act No. 33: On or about August 12, 1996, both defendants BOREN and CANO, who were present in a nearby room, met with Tuttle prior to Tuttle's session with the auditors to ensure that Tuttle falsely told the auditors that Peerless had purchased the claimed bagels.

Overt Act No. 34: On or about August 13, 1996, defendant CANO delivered a paper bag containing \$50,000 in cash to Borini's home.

Overt Act No. 35: On or about August 13, 1996, defendant CANO and Borini's assistant counted \$50,000 in cash.

Overt Act No. 36: On or about August 13, 1996,
Borini's assistant then took the \$50,000 in cash to Borini's
attorney, who drew a \$50,000 check against his attorney's trust
account, payable to Peerless. The \$50,000 check was to reimburse
Peerless for the false payment made to I&J to make it appear that
the claimed bagel sales had occurred.

#### COUNT TWO

- 9. The Grand Jury repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 5 and 7 of this First Superseding Indictment.
- At various times from a date unknown until at least August 1998, in Los Angeles County, within the Central District of California, and elsewhere, defendants BOREN and CANO, aided and abetted by others known and unknown, knowingly falsified and willfully caused to be falsified, both directly and indirectly, the books, records, and accounts which I&J and Manhattan Bagel were required to make and keep, and which were required, in reasonable detail, to accurately and fairly to reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of I&J and Manhattan Bagel, an issuer with a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Specifically, defendants BOREN and CANO aided and abetted the creation of false financial documents to make it appear that fake bagel sales had actually occurred and willfully caused to be created said false and fraudulent documents, including invoices, purchase orders, accounts receivable schedules, and written confirmations pertaining to the claimed fake bagel sales to Veatch Carlson and Peerless. In particular, on or about August 12, 1996, defendants BOREN and CANO, at a Century City office building, aided and abetted the falsification of written

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confirmations on August 12 and August 13, 1996 by Tuttle of an account balance for Peerless concerning the fake purchases of bagels by Peerless from I&J.

#### COUNTS THREE AND FOUR

## [18 U.S.C. §§ 1343, 2]

- 11. The Grand Jury repeats and realleges and incorporates all of the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 5 and 7 of this First Superseding Indictment.
- 12. Beginning on a date unknown to the Grand Jury and continuing until on or about August 1998, in the Central District of California, and elsewhere, defendants BOREN and CANO, together with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, knowingly and with intent to defraud, devised, participated in, and executed a scheme to defraud, and to obtain money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, and the concealment of material facts, as described in paragraphs 1 through 5 and 7 of this First Superseding Indictment.
- 13. On or about the dates alleged below, within the Central District of California, defendants BOREN and CANO, for the purpose of executing the aforesaid scheme to defraud and attempting to do so, transmitted, aided and abetted, and caused the transmission, by means of wire communications in interstate commerce, of the following telephone calls involving representatives from Manhattan Bagel's auditor, Ernst & Young, in both Los Angeles and Princeton, New Jersey by telephone, and representatives of each of the two false bagel accounts, Veatch Carlson and Peerless as listed below:

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1	<u>Count</u>	Date (On or about)	<u>Interstate Nature</u> of Telephone Call
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3	THREE	August 8, 1996	Call Between Representatives of Veatch Carlson in Los Angeles, California and Ernst & Young Auditors in Princeton, New Jersey
5	FOUR	August 12, 1996	Call Between Representative of
6	10010	1149450 12, 1990	Peerless in Los Angeles, California and Ernst & Young
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#### COUNT FIVE

[18 U.S.C. § 371]

### I. <u>BACKGROUND</u>

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- 14. In or about August 1996, the SEC initiated an investigation of defendants BOREN, CANO, and others for the purpose of determining if the individuals had violated federal securities laws in connection with the merger of I&J with Manhattan Bagel. One of the areas of SEC scrutiny involved the false invoices and fake bagel sales to Veatch Carlson and Peerless.
- 15. By in or about October 1996, the SEC began issuing subpoenas to individuals for the purpose of obtaining their testimony through depositions. Defendants BOREN and CANO learned of the SEC's proceedings and embarked upon a series of actions designed to intimidate and influence potential witnesses in the SEC investigation, including other knowing participants in the false bagel sales.
- 16. The SEC investigation continued until in or about May 4, 2001, at which time the SEC filed a civil action against defendants BOREN, CANO and others.

## II. THE OBJECT OF THE CONSPIRACY

17. Beginning in or before June 1996, and continuing until on or about August 1998, in the Central District of California, and elsewhere, defendants BOREN and CANO, together with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, knowingly and unlawfully

combined, conspired, and agreed to commit the following offense against the United States:

To corruptly influence, obstruct, and impede, and endeavor to influence, obstruct, and impede the due administration of justice in an ongoing SEC proceeding by threatening, intimidating and pressuring witnesses who were subpoenaed to testify before the SEC, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1505.

### III. THE MANNER AND MEANS OF THE CONSPIRACY

- 18. The object of the conspiracy was carried out, in part, as follows:
- a. Defendants BOREN and CANO have been friends since high school, and during the period set forth in this conspiracy, they utilized telephones, speaker-phones, and cell phones in their dealings with each other and with others.
- b. For much of his adult life, defendant CANO served as an assistant and "enforcer" for defendant BOREN. Defendant BOREN enlisted and employed defendant CANO, among other things, to intimidate and influence people with whom defendant BOREN had a dispute and those individuals whose conduct defendant BOREN wished to direct.
- c. Defendant BOREN used defendant CANO to threaten, intimidate and pressure individuals who had been subpoenaed to testify before the SEC in connection with its investigation of activities at I&J Bagel and Manhattan Bagel.

d. Defendant BOREN also threatened, intimidated and pressured individuals who had been subpoenaed to testify before the SEC in connection with its investigation of activities at I&J Bagel and Manhattan Bagel.

## Intimidation of Tuttle

- e. Defendant CANO arranged a session that occurred on August 12, 1996, between Tuttle and the Ernst & Young auditors for Manhattan Bagel. The session was held at the Century City offices of defendant CANO's attorney. Unbeknownst to both the auditors and to Tuttle, defendants BOREN and CANO arranged to meet with Tuttle in advance of Tuttle's session with the Ernst & Young auditors to ensure that Tuttle would falsely tell the auditors that Peerless had purchased the claimed bagels.
- f. In advance of the August 12, 1996 session with the auditors, Tuttle was escorted by defendant CANO's attorney to a room in which defendants BOREN and CANO were waiting. In the meeting with defendants BOREN and CANO, defendant BOREN asked Tuttle how his mother, father and family "were doing." This was a common device used, in part, by defendant BOREN to demonstrate that he, defendant BOREN, possessed knowledge about the personal life of those individuals with whom he had a dispute and with those individuals whose conduct he wished to direct. Tuttle asked defendant BOREN what he was supposed to do in the meeting with the auditor. In response, defendant BOREN told Tuttle to falsely tell the auditor that Peerless owed I&J money for the claimed bagel purchases. Defendant BOREN and Tuttle both knew

that Peerless had not purchased the claimed bagels from I&J. As Tuttle left the meeting with defendants BOREN and CANO to meet with the auditors in a nearby conference room, defendant BOREN said to Tuttle, "By the way, I'm not here. You don't see me."

g. On or about the evening of August 23, 1998, defendants BOREN and CANO drove to the home of Tuttle and parked their car in front of the driveway. Defendants BOREN and CANO remained in the car, with the engine running and the car lights Tuttle, who was already in the front of the home with his two young daughters who were riding their bicycles, immediately, instructed his daughters to go inside the house. Defendant BOREN then asked several questions of Tuttle about his family and personal life. Defendant BOREN asked Tuttle if he was living at that residence, if Tuttle's wife was still living in Simi Valley, and how Tuttle's daughters "were doing," among other things. While defendant BOREN peppered Tuttle with questions about his personal life, defendant CANO remained silent in his seat, staring down Tuttle in a serious "tough guy" scowl. Within minutes after the two drove off, Tuttle received several telephone calls where the callers, who did not identify themselves, laughed, mumbled and then said, "Bang!" Tuttle recognized the voice of one of the callers as that of defendant CANO.

h. As a result of defendants BOREN's and CANO's actions, Tuttle removed himself and his daughters from the home and slept elsewhere.

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## Intimidation of Borini

- i. In or about late October or early November 1996, defendant BOREN met with his brother, Borini, who was the executive director for Veatch Carlson, and asked Borini to tell the SEC that the fake bagel sales were real. Defendant BOREN threatened Borini and told him, in essence, that if it required "taking out" Borini, then that was what he would do. Defendant BOREN told Borini that Borini did not want to be "on the other side of the table" from defendant BOREN.
- j. During November 1996, after Borini refused to hire an attorney chosen by defendant BOREN, defendant BOREN started harassing Borini over the telephone. Defendant BOREN's numerous threats included telling Borini, in essence:
  - (i) You are signing your own death warrant;
  - (ii) You are not going to see the light of day; and
  - (iii) Eric CANO is out of control. I'm not going to be able to control him on this. If he thinks you're going south on us, I don't know what he'll do. The only chance of keeping him in line is you playing ball.
- k. During November 1996, defendant CANO also telephoned Borini and threatened him with harm if Borini did not cooperate with defendant BOREN and lie to the SEC.
- 1. Between November 1996 and January 10, 1997, the day Borini testified before the SEC, defendants BOREN and CANO went

to Borini's residence on numerous occasions and continued the threats. On one occasion, defendants BOREN and CANO appeared together in the lobby of Borini's Wilshire Boulevard residence and demanded that Borini make a commitment to lie to the SEC about the fake bagel sales. Borini refused and defendant CANO told Borini that they were "going to f- him up." Defendant CANO would not allow Borini to leave the lobby and defendant BOREN then told Borini that both Borini and Tuttle would end up buried in the Las Vegas desert if they did not cooperate. Defendant BOREN also asked Borini whether Borini wanted defendants BOREN and CANO to "show up" at Tuttle's home some night or whether Borini would just telephone Tuttle and tell him to cooperate about the fake bagel purchases. Defendant BOREN continued his threat against Borini's brother-in-law, Tuttle, by saying that he and defendant CANO knew where Tuttle lived; they knew Tuttle had two daughters and a "pretty young wife"; and that the "kids" and wife needed their father around.

m. Borini appeared for the SEC deposition in New York City on January 10, 1997. After Borini returned to California, defendants BOREN and CANO telephoned Borini and pressured him to disclose what questions were asked by the SEC. Borini explained that he invoked the Fifth Amendment and could not remember the questions. Defendants BOREN and CANO said they were "on their way" to Borini's residence in order to help him remember the questions. Shortly thereafter, defendants BOREN and CANO appeared in Borini's lobby. Defendant BOREN told Borini that

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even though Borini had invoked the Fifth Amendment, the SEC could still require him to further testify against defendant BOREN by offering Borini immunity. In response to defendant BOREN's statement, defendant CANO told Borini that he, defendant CANO, would never let Borini testify against defendant BOREN.

- n. In or about January or February 1997, defendants BOREN and CANO met with Borini at a Marie Callender's restaurant. They told Borini that if he didn't get his thinking straight, he could end up with a flat tire in the parking lot and no one would ever see him again. Defendant BOREN then spoke to Borini alone and told him that if he would go to jail for defendant BOREN, defendant BOREN would take care of Borini's wife and "do business" with Borini when Borini was released.
- o. On or about February 5, 1998, defendants BOREN and CANO went to Borini's Wilshire Boulevard residence and pressured Borini on a number of issues, including the ongoing SEC investigation. In the lobby of Borini's residence, defendant CANO pushed Borini, knocking him down. After Borini got up, defendants BOREN and CANO pushed and struck Borini several times, knocking him back and forth. While defendants BOREN and CANO were pushing and striking Borini, defendant CANO shaped his hand like a gun, put the imaginary pistol to Borini's head, and repeatedly pulled the imaginary trigger while saying to Borini that "it" could happen "this quick," each time defendant CANO pulled the imaginary trigger.

- p. On or about February 5, 1998, immediately after the physical assault on Borini in the lobby, defendant BOREN told Borini that if he did not cooperate with him (defendant BOREN), that defendant BOREN would falsely tell the authorities that Borini was to blame for matters under investigation by the SEC.
- q. As a result of the physical attack, Borini had to change his residence and telephone number.
- r. On or about February 27, 1998, defendants BOREN and CANO followed Borini as he drove down Wilshire Boulevard. When they pulled up beside Borini, defendant CANO shaped his hand like a pistol, put the imaginary pistol to his head, and pulled the imaginary trigger. As a result of the intimidating hand gesture, Borini reported the incident to the police.

## Intimidation of Altamirano

- s. The SEC deposed Marytza Altamirano on or about April 25, 1997. Ms. Altamirano had worked for I&J, was personally involved with defendant BOREN, and they at one time shared a criminal attorney paid by defendant BOREN. Before her SEC deposition, defendant BOREN pressured Ms. Altamirano to assert her Fifth Amendment right and told her that if she did not refuse to testify, he would:
  - (i) Have their criminal attorney [who defendant BOREN claimed had a relationship with the federal judge in the case for which they had sought criminal legal representation] to

intercede with the federal judge so she would be put in jail;

- (ii) Make sure she would lose custody of her son;
- (iii) Make sure she would go bankrupt; and
- (iv) Turn her into a "bag lady."

## Intimidation of Kappico

- t. In or about 1996 through June 1997, defendants
  BOREN and CANO telephoned Mark Kappico, an accountant for I&J, at
  Kappico's Warner Center office in the San Fernando Valley.

  During this call, defendants BOREN and CANO conveyed an interest
  to meet with Kappico that day. Kappico initially declined, but
  was not surprised when shortly thereafter, defendants BOREN and
  CANO appeared at his Warner Center office. Defendants BOREN and
  CANO renewed their lunch invitation and Kappico consented.
- u. At lunch, defendants BOREN and CANO attempted to engage Kappico in a discussion about Kappico's upcoming deposition with the SEC. Kappico repeatedly told defendants BOREN and CANO that he did not want to discuss his testimony with them. Despite this, defendants BOREN and CANO insisted that they did nothing wrong. Defendants BOREN and CANO persisted and asked Kappico to provide them an opportunity to review financial records to which they were not entitled. Kappico explained that because defendants BOREN and CANO were no longer affiliated with I&J, it would not be appropriate to provide them with access to the records that were the subject of the SEC investigation.
- v. In order to intimidate Kappico to do as they requested, defendants BOREN and CANO reminded Kappico that he had

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a nice practice, home and family to think about, and that he (Kappico) would not want to cause trouble for himself by saying the wrong thing to the SEC.

### IV. OVERT ACTS

19. To effect the object of the conspiracy, the following overt acts, among others, were committed in the Central District of California and elsewhere:

Overt Act No. 1: On or about August 12, 1996, defendant CANO arranged a session between Tuttle and the Ernst & Young auditors for Manhattan Bagel. Unbeknownst to both the auditors and Tuttle, defendants BOREN and CANO arranged to meet with Tuttle in advance of the session with the auditors to ensure that Tuttle would falsely tell the auditors that Peerless had purchased the claimed bagels.

Overt Act No. 2: In or about January 1997 through April 1997, defendant BOREN pressured Altamirano to assert her Fifth Amendment right or else he would cause her to go to jail, lose custody of her son, make her go bankrupt, and turn her into a bag lady.

Overt Act No. 3: On or about February 5, 1998, defendants BOREN and CANO went to Borini's home, pressured him regarding a number of issues, including the SEC proceedings, and physically assaulted Borini.

Overt Act No. 4: On or about August 23, 1998, defendants BOREN and CANO drove to the home of Tuttle, and defendant BOREN spoke to Tuttle in a manner that Tuttle perceived as threatening, while defendant CANO silently scowled at Tuttle.

### COUNT SIX

[18 U.S.C. §§ 1505, 2]

- 20. The Grand Jury repeats and realleges paragraphs 14 through 16 and 18 of this First Superseding Indictment.
- 21. Beginning in or about October 1996, and continuing until in or about February 1998, in the Central District of California, and elsewhere, defendants BOREN and CANO corruptly, and by threats and force, influenced, obstructed, and impeded, and endeavored to corruptly, and by threats and force, influence, obstruct, and impede the due administration of justice in ongoing Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) proceedings by threatening, intimidating and pressuring Phillip Borini in an attempt to get him to give false testimony before the SEC.

### COUNT SEVEN

# [18 U.S.C. §§ 1505, 2]

- The Grand Jury repeats and realleges paragraphs 14 22. through 16 and 18 of this First Superseding Indictment.
- Beginning in or about October 1996, and continuing until in or about August 1998, in the Central District of California and elsewhere, defendants BOREN and CANO corruptly influenced, obstructed, and impeded, and endeavored to corruptly influence, obstruct, and impede the due administration of justice in ongoing Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) proceedings by threatening, intimidating and pressuring Timothy Tuttle in an attempt to get him to give false testimony before the SEC.

#### COUNT EIGHT

## [18 U.S.C. §§ 1505, 2]

- 24. The Grand Jury repeats and realleges paragraphs 14 through 16 and 18 of this First Superseding Indictment.
- 25. During the period from 1996 through in or about June 1997, in the Central District of California and elsewhere, defendants BOREN and CANO corruptly, and by threats and force, influenced, obstructed, and impeded, and endeavored to corruptly, and by threats and force, influence, obstruct, and impede the due administration of justice in ongoing Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) proceedings by threatening, intimidating and pressuring Mark Kappico, an accountant for I&J, in an attempt to get him to give false or misleading testimony before the SEC or withhold testimony from the SEC.

1	COUNT NINE		
2	[18 U.S.C. § 1505]		
3	26. The Grand Jury repeats and realleges paragraphs 14		
4	through 16 and 18 of this First Superseding Indictment.		
5	27. Beginning in or about January 1997, and continuing		
6	until in or about April 1997, in the Central District of		
7	California and elsewhere, defendant BOREN corruptly influenced,		
8	obstructed, and impeded, and endeavored to corruptly influence,		
9	obstruct, and impede the due administration of justice in ongoing		
10	Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) proceedings by		
11	threatening, intimidating and pressuring Marytza Altamirano in a		
12	attempt to get her to give false or misleading testimony before		
13	the SEC or withhold testimony from the SEC.		
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